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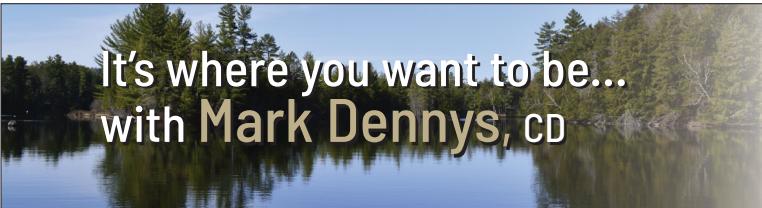
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## Family comes to couple's aid after car crash

JENN WATT

Editor

Joe and Janis Blimkie are filled with gratitude for Barry Line residents who gave them blankets and brought them home after a bad car accident mid-afternoon on Sunday, Jan. 6.

The Blimkies were on their way home to Hamilton after spending more than a week at their cottage on Little Redstone Lake when they lost control of their SUV on a bend, rolling the vehicle into a beaver pond on the side of Barry Line Road near West Guilford.

The car rolled onto a metal fence, which penetrated the roof of the car into the backseat and broke the passenger window. They found themselves in the car upside down in the pond.

"I couldn't get my window open or the airbag out and my leg was wedged up behind the steering wheel, which was facing upwards," said Joe in a phone interview last week. "Fortunately my wife was able to get out through her side window,

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### Happy dance

Grade 1/2 students dance while their music teacher Drew Hewitt plays his guitar on Friday, Jan. 11 at Stuart Baker Elementary School. Hewitt's application for a grant worth \$2,500 will enable the school to purchase at least 20 ukuleles for its music program. Read the full story on page 8. / DARREN LUM Staff

## Trees tell the story of the Haliburton Highlands

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Witness trees, trees that have stood through history and can help date when significant events like forest fires occurred by way of increment boring – extracting a small sample of the core of the tree to analyze and count rings – can help tell us about the history of Haliburton County.

So said Peter Hynard, a longtime professional forester who spoke to a full

house at the HHOA fish hatchery on Jan. 9 alongside fellow professional forester Ernie Demuth at a talk called, May the Forest Be With You, as part of the Yours Outdoors Telling Our Stories Speaker Series.

Hynard has used the increment boring technique to determine the date of events in the forests here in Haliburton County, and told the crowd attending his talk what he had learned.

"You don't want to cut down every tree to get the story," he said of the value of

the less invasive process, which can show signs of injury in the tree rings, or the change of growth pattern. "It's like killing your only living witness."

Hynard began his story 1.1 billion years ago, in the Precambrian era, when earth was made up of one super continent called Rodinia, before continental drift brought the seven present continents to their present latitude and longitude positions. Using "you are here" tabs on historical maps, and through photos in a slide

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Working smoke alarms alerted a family on Wigamog Road to an early morning fire in their home on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Seventeen firefighters responded to the call. When they arrived on the scene the home was fully engulfed. There were no reported injuries. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Family safe after house fire on Wigamog Rd.

JENN WATT

*Editor*

Smoke alarms saved the lives of a family on Wigamog Road during a house fire on Tuesday, Jan. 8, Dysart's fire chief says.

The Dysart Fire Department arrived just before 4 a.m. to find the house fully engulfed. Minden Hills Fire Department provided mutual assistance.

According to information from Dysart fire chief Mike Iles, firefighters were able to contain the blaze to the attic and south end of the residence.

Although the house could not be saved, some personal items and memorabilia was salvaged.

Damage is estimated at \$250,000.

"It is of note that working smoke alarms saved the lives of this family. Upon the sounding of the smoke alarm, the occupants safely evacuated the house. Once again this reinforces the importance of having working smoke alarms present," Iles said in a press release.

## Scammers promise \$12.5 million and a new car

The OPP is warning people of a new scam phone call in which the caller says you've won \$12.5 million and a new car.

The caller then tells the potential victim that the money and car are at the border and all you need to do is pay the taxes due: \$3,500. A false customers officer name and call back number is then provided. The scammer proposes a credit card, money order or other method of payment.

"You should never provide any personal information like credit card numbers or banking information to anyone you have not contacted for services. If you did not enter a contest for the above prizes this also should be a clue that something is wrong. Legitimate business will not accept gift cards or iTunes cards as payment," police said in a press release.

Contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 to find more information on scams or go online: [www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm](http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm).

from the vehicle including taking your eyes off the road, taking your hands off the wheel, and taking your mind off what you're doing.

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### Two charged following RIDE checks

Haliburton Highlands OPP ran their usual Festive RIDE program between Nov. 23 and Jan. 2, checking 218 vehicles. The program is designed to detect impaired drivers and remove them from roadways.

The police issued one warn range licence suspension and charged two people with Criminal Code driving offences related alcohol consumption.

### Updated distracted driving laws in effect

As of Jan. 1, penalties for driving with a handheld wireless communication device, such as a cellphone, have increased for drivers in Ontario.

The new penalty: fines up to \$1,000; three demerit points for first offence; three-day licence suspension; penalties rise for subsequent convictions.

Novice drivers will receive the same fines, but will receive longer suspensions rather than demerit points. Details can be found at [ontario.ca/distracted-driving](http://ontario.ca/distracted-driving).

Distracted driving doesn't just involve a phone. It includes anything that takes a driver's attention away

## Gas tax dollars come in for DYMO bus

The provincial government has announced Dysart's share of the gas tax funding for public transit service.

Dysart will receive \$14,933, which goes to the DYMO bus service, which provides transportation for persons with disabilities.

The amount fluctuates from year to year, Dysart CAO Tamara Wilbee confirmed to the Echo. Last year the funding was \$14,303.

According to information provided by MPP Laurie Scott's office, funding is based on how many litres of gas is sold in the province. Municipalities receive two cents a litre of the provincial gas tax revenues, which must be directed to public transit.

The province is disbursing \$364 million in gas tax funding this year to 107 municipalities.

Bancroft has received \$65,981 from the fund. The Bancroft transit system provides service to residents in Highlands East.

-Staff

# Couple taken into family's home, given clothes following accident

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which was smashed. Her airbag deployed but was punctured as well."

Once Janis got out, Joe was able to wiggle around enough to get his leg out from under the steering wheel.

"I was in the water for about 10 minutes up to my chin ... I was shaking and shivering," he said.

While the car had a system to call for emergency services, it could not make a connection. Joe had removed his cellphone from his pocket to keep it dry soon after the accident, but it also couldn't complete a call.

Janis got out of the car and was helping Joe out when Barry Line residents Darren and Teresa Johnston and their daughter Leah happened upon them.

"We came around the corner and I looked and the tracks on the road looked weird and I looked to my left and the car was in the pond upside down," Teresa said in an interview. "We pulled over and Janis was out of the vehicle and he [Joe] was trying to pull himself out. They were drenched and obviously in shock, I called 911 and then while I was on the phone we helped them up the bank into our vehicle where my daughter was."

Darren called Jamie and Wanda Bacon who quickly made their way to the accident with blankets for the Blimkies.

Teresa remembers Joe was shaking from the cold.

Since the Blimkies seemed to have no injuries and were so dangerously cold and wet, the Johnstons decided to bring them home. They let the 911 operator know that paramedics should meet them at the house.

The Johnstons gave Joe and Janis dry clothes and allowed them to warm up. Soon, the paramedics, firefighters and police all arrived at the Johnstons' home.



Barry Line residents came to the aid of Joe and Janis Blimkie after they lost control of their car on the icy road Sunday, Jan. 6. While Janis was able to make her way out her window, Joe was stuck for about 10 minutes before he was able to free himself. The couple was taken into the home of Darren and Teresa Johnston, who gave them warm clothes and called 911. /Photo courtesy of Joe Blimkie

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*I was in the water for about 10 minutes up to my chin ... I was shaking and shivering.*

— Joe Blimkie



Joe said they gave excellent support.

When he spoke to the *Echo* nearly a week after the accident, Joe said he still can't stop thinking of the what-ifs. What if the passenger window hadn't been punctured by the metal pole? They might not have escaped. What if the Johnstons hadn't decided to drive down the Barry Line that afternoon?

The Blimkies are thankful to everyone who came to their aid that day from the emergency workers who responded to the call, to the tow truck driver who showed empathy and kindness. They are especially grateful to the Johnstons, who they now refer to as "the angels on Barry Line Road."

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# Agricultural intentions made way for logging

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show, he helped the audience connect with how the local land was formed.

"The important thing to keep in mind," he said, "is that it doesn't matter whether it's gneiss or schist or marble that you've ground into dirt, it produces a soil that's silky and sandy and stony and generally shallow and not at all suited to agriculture. Where it's deep and well-drained, it can grow trees well, but it's no good for farming, which people found out later."

The last ice age began melting 20,000 years ago and by 10,000 years ago the melting was virtually complete in the area, he said.

"The glaciers kept receding northward and all that's left now is in the high arctic," he said.

The melting ice produced tremendous amounts of water that formed post-glacial lakes, with the one covering our area called Lake Algonquin.

"It flowed out across Lake Iroquois and down what is now the Erie Canal and Mohawk Valley and the Hudson Valley to New York and out to the Atlantic that way," he said. "It couldn't go out the St. Lawrence which was blocked at that time by ice."

The events left us with water scoured landscape. Hynard said we know about the lake by finding old beach lines, and connecting the dots. He noted examples of the Harburn wells – natural bore holes created by debris in natural depressions during times of high water that map out the river that existed during the period of glacial outflow at the end of the last ice age.

"All of these give you some clues as to the history of what happened," he said. "They also give you some clues as to what the land could be used for."

Fast forward quite a few years, to 1854.

"That's when the government of the day, this was before Confederation, but their self-governing colony made the decision to open the shield country to settlement," said Hynard. "Southern Ontario was filling up, it was an agricultural society, they needed to expand somewhere, and they made what turned out to be a poor decision to expand up onto the shield."

A network of colonization roads – including the original Bobcaygeon Road, Monck Road and Peterson Road – were built.

"That road system was there to allow for settlement, and at the same time ... all the townships were surveyed out, all ready for settlement."

Although settlers came, the land turned out to be



Professional forester Ernie Demuth speaks to a full house at the HHOA Fish Hatchery in Haliburton on Jan. 9 as part of the Telling Our Stories Speaker Series presented by Yours Outdoors. Demuth and fellow forester Peter Hynard spoke on their passion for, and experiences in, forestry in an evening chat called "May The Forest Be With You." /SUE TIFFIN Staff

largely unsuitable for agriculture.

"Sales were poor because the land was poor, but people did come here," said Hynard. "In 1880, Haliburton County had a 15,000 year-round population. We just surpassed that about 10 years ago. They cleared the land with the means they had, built a shanty and later a house, all of which was later abandoned in almost every case because things did not work – it's not agricultural soil. Things didn't work out, and for those of you that roam the woods, you're going to bump into artifacts of that piece of history."

A series of photos from throughout Haliburton County compiled by Hynard showed stone piles created by settlers clearing the land and piling up stones in the middle of what is now bush. Stone fences, once bordering a field for farming, now sit covered by forest. Even a cemetery, off in the woods, about 2.5 kilometres from the nearest road.

"Some of those stone piles were done with loving care," he said. "They really wanted things to work out, but it was a futile exercise. We would never be able to do anything like that today. We're not as tough as these folks."

Though the land was not suitable for farming, it did offer another resource: white pine.

"The agriculture was a loser, but when they got here, there was a tremendous resource of white pine that they went about felling," he said. "It was cut not with an axe, but with a crosscut, skidded out to skidways, loaded onto sleighs and sleighed out to lakes and rivers and dumped on the ice, and in the spring ... towed down the lake with an alligator boat."

Log drivers pushed the logs through along the Gull River, and Hynard's photos show examples of iron bars driven into bedrock on Anson Creek to hold a log chute in place.

"The Canadian Land and Emigration Company made a deal with the biggest sawmill in the country at that time, Mossam Boyd, Bobcaygeon," said Hynard. "The deal was, 35 cents a log and 25 per cent of the sawn lumber profits. They gave Mossam Boyd free licence to cut pine on those nine townships north of Haliburton."

It's a myth that the pine from Haliburton County was taken out to England for ship masts, said Hynard.

"What happened is it went through the Mossam Boyd sawmill, and was sawed into lumber," he said. "He barged it to Lindsay, loaded [it] onto rail cars, railed it to Port Hope, shipped it across Lake Ontario, down the Erie Canal and the Hudson River to New York City. That's where most of it went."

The logging industry created immeasurable wealth, with a photo of Kinmount showing big Victorian buildings and a bustling town, but it was not to last long.

"These people may have been tough and hardy but they did not care for the land they made their living from," said Hynard.

The removal of white pine was done without much planning for the future, and piles of flammable debris just waiting for wildfire were left behind.

"This map shows the forest fires in one year, 1913, across the southern shield. Absolutely enormous, the size of a township. Those fires took place because all the

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# Beech bark disease will change local forests forever

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logging debris was left to bake in the sun, the settlers were using fire as a land clearing method, and there was no firefighting agency. Nobody cared. It was all going to last forever anyway, so some of it burns. In the end, it was all cut or burned, and by 1900 or so, it was over."

White pine stumps are durable and can still be found today throughout the county.

"And you can find the physical evidence today, many white pine stumps with char on them, still, 100 years later," said Hynard. "And you can date it. You can date each one of these fires. 1913 is a big one. It shows up in the woods as well as on [the map]."

Nowadays, foresters take considerable care in how they cut, using different methods.

"Let's fast forward to present day times, today not much logging is done with chainsaws, it's mostly mechanized, even now in this area, to a large degree," said Hynard. "Those big machines do far less damage than the old-style logging. Where the trees are marked carefully and the loggers are held to low damage standard, they can do a fine job. You'd think not, but they definitely can."

In the future, he said, it will be harder to find a damaged tree to use as a witness tree to date, although tree rings still harbour evidence of events through the way they grow when the forest around them changes. For glimpses into our past, however, he said the trees are living witnesses.

"You can actually, if you take the time and know the methods, you can actually date these things rather precisely," he said.

While Hynard spoke to the past history of trees in the area, Ernie Demuth spoke to the present and future situation of local forests.

"If you don't want to get depressed, you probably don't want to talk to a forester right now," said the registered professional forester of more than 20 years. "Unless it's Peter, because Peter can talk about the history and the past, but what's coming up is not good."

Demuth told the crowd foresters are now dealing with more than typical forestry and silviculture, and are largely dealing with invasive species.

"That tends to be what we're dealing with all the time now," he said.

In southern Ontario, invasive species have been an issue for quite awhile, and now as they arrive in our area, said Demuth, where we deal with the thin soil and growing conditions Hynard had talked about, we are seeing the impacts much more.

Demuth became interested in beech bark disease at a three-day workshop in 2014 involving scientists from Vermont, Michigan, Quebec and Ontario who had been dealing with it for decades. He clarified he wasn't an expert, but as a forester was seeing it spread.

"It's coming so fast that nobody really knows how to react," said Demuth.

Though now, many in the audience had heard of beech bark disease, Demuth said that wasn't the case a few years ago, and that beech bark disease caught people off guard.

"We just started to watch forests just dissolve, just fall down," he said. "We weren't prepared for how fast it was going to move."

Beech bark first came to Canada in 1890 from Europe, and to Ontario – Elgin County area – in the 1960s, and in the Parry Sound area it was noticed in the early 2000s. The disease starts with a crawler, a scale. As the insect bores into the tree, it creates a waxy substance.

Heavy rains will wash the scale off giving the impression the disease is not there anymore, which has in the past tricked some areas into believing the problem is gone. Nectaria, a fungal invasion, follows the scale very quickly.

"Once you start seeing the red, the tree is pretty much standing there dead," said Demuth. "Up in these areas, it happens so quick, when they die."

Beech bark disease has three phases. The advancing front describes when the scale can be seen on the tree. The killing front comes next, which Demuth said we are "well into it right now." The killing front is characterized by elevated levels of beech scale, neonectaria fungi, and extensive above ground mortality.

"The mortality rate and the speed that this happens cannot be overstated," said Demuth, noting that in some forests elsewhere, over 50 per cent of their beech trees died in three years. "That's nothing. I've seen like 60 to 70 per cent of forests just be on the ground in a year in some of our operations. It can be expected that 80 to 100 per cent of mature trees will die. So we're going to lose them all. Most of them."

Demuth said there have been times he hasn't seen the forest floor for dead beech trees, and showed the audience photos of beech snap, which is a major safety concern.

The third phase of the disease is the aftermath forest, following the heavy mortality of the killing front. The roots of the dying trees produce dense thickets of beech bark disease susceptible sprouts, which persist and intensify over time, perpetuating and continuing with a secondary killing front.

Plant diversity under the thickets is destroyed due to the beech leaf layer and blockage of the sun. Demuth quoted U.S. Forest Service researcher David Houston who said, "beech bark disease represents the first case that we know of where a specialist plant pathogen actually increases the density of its host."

"As I say, I'm sorry, it's a very depressing subject," he said. "Once you get over the mourning process of losing the beech, it is now the explosion of beech that's going to happen that's going to be the problem ... It's not like they die, they continue. We'll be the last people to know those big grey beautiful beech trees, they're going to be this small, stunted tree, they almost look like a black cherry."

Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania now claim that beech has taken over and is the most prevalent understory species in their states, with a 24 per cent increase in beech saplings between 1993 and 2007.

Though beech bark disease has been an issue in southern Ontario for years, now that beech bark disease is in Haliburton County, it is spreading quickly.

"It lingered around in southern Ontario without seeming to cause a big problem," said Demuth. "Some beech would die, some wouldn't. Trees are healthier down there, you've got deep limestone soils, whereas up here, you've got those thin, poor kind of growing conditions for trees, so we see those effects of these diseases much more than they do in southern Ontario."

To work through the crisis, Demuth said using a shelterwood system of cutting is an option, acknowledging that if the beech were simply removed, root sprouting would likely still occur. Controlling the understudy with manual or chemical means prior to cutting is a possibility as well, but Demuth said it's almost too late for that. Landowners could use a brush saw to take their beech now, while there's something still in it, but he strongly cautioned that beech bark disease can cause trees to look fine while



Peter Hynard has worked as a professional forester for nearly 50 years, and shared the history of forestry in Haliburton County with the crowd gathered at the fish hatchery in Haliburton.

being completely dead inside, making their stability unpredictable.

Moving forward, Demuth said it's important to deal with problems due to invasive species ahead of time, as we see them coming, rather than once they get here.

"I would say, well, we learned a les-

son here," he said. "We should have been dealing with this 20 years ago. We should have been reducing beech in the understory, we probably shouldn't have been promoting beech so much ... We should have been thinking more strategically. We can learn a lesson here."

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Leasing has been out for a few decades now but in the past was very poorly administered, very few qualifying questions were asked to buyers, and the pros and cons were not explained in enough depth. This mainly due to lack of knowledge on the industry's behalf. We at Curry's focus on making sure we provide detailed quotes with all the information needed by the customer to know exactly what they are getting into. Details like residual value, interest rate, kilometres per year allowed, and all the available insurances to help protect the customer from unexpected wear and tear charges upon the vehicles return.

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To look at the numbers side of things it is virtually

impossible to compare one lease vs finance to another as each vehicle has its own incentives, purchase prices, and residual values. The myth that leasing is always cheaper sometimes surprises our customers when we present both options and they learn that the lease can actually be higher per month in some cases. Traditional finance is very straight forward, you have a purchase price, and then there is the typical fees like licences and HST that are added. You then decide on the term and apply the provided interest rate to reach the payment. This is still the largest form of automotive purchases in Canada by over 50% for individual reasons. Ownership always tops the list, however there are also customers that like to reach full equity in their vehicles and some even enjoy no payments for a time following the end of the loan.

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This is a very brief introduction to the lease vs finance conversation and is not by any means meant to sway someone's decision one way or the other but more to suggest an in-depth look at what they are expecting from their vehicle, how long they plan to keep it and what they plan on using it for. My best suggestion is to sit down with a sales and leasing consultant and just go through the exercise, it may surprise you what you find.

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Winter impressions

by Darren Lum

## Show businesses some love

THE IMPORTANCE of good customer service can't be overstated. A waiter who greets you with a wide smile makes you feel at home. A grocery store employee who offers to carry your bags to your car makes you feel valued. A knowledgeable saleswoman who helps you choose the right can of paint for your home renovation project gives you confidence in your purchase.

As we go about our daily lives, we encounter hard-working, dedicated people who try their best to brighten others' lives and do a good job. We also benefit from the business owners who invest in the community and take risks to try out new things and offer new services.

Add them all together, and you have a town that visitors like to frequent and that residents feel proud to live in.

Each year we're given a time to recognize those who work hard and give back through the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards.

Twelve awards cover sectors such as business achievement; skilled trades; entrepreneur of the year; customer first (business); customer first (employee); not-for-profit; and young professional, among others.

It's also the event that honours the Highlander of the Year.

Anyone can nominate a person or business and those nominated do not have to be chamber members. Nominations must be in by Feb. 14.



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## Editorial

Go to haliburtonchamber.com and follow the links to the nomination forms. (This year's gala is scheduled for March 30 at Pine-stone Resort and Conference Centre.)

Nominating someone takes very little time in comparison to how that person will feel when they find out their efforts have been noticed.

Take a moment to think of the business you couldn't live without or the employee who makes you smile when you're feeling down and consider nominating them for an award this year.

### Waiting for cannabis

We found out last week that despite our councils' swift decision-making in December, opting in across the county to allow retail cannabis outlets, marijuana users will be waiting a while longer to get the chance to shop for pot.

Just ahead of the lottery selection process that awarded 25 licences on Friday, municipalities and the rest of us found out that only retailers serving communities with populations of 50,000 or above would be eligible in this round.

It makes sense that with so few licences, population criteria would need to be factored in. (Can you imagine if all the licences went to rural Ontario? Now that would be entertaining!)

Still, it's disappointing a couple of licences weren't set aside for rural locations. Hopefully municipal politicians will be successful in convincing the powers that be to include small places when the next licences are awarded.

On behalf of our 120 downtown Haliburton businesses, led by our volunteer board of management, I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year. Each January we all think of ways to be better, whether it is mentally, physically or emotionally, or all of them. Some people declare resolutions or some people quietly make different lifestyle choices that will help them achieve their goals. Regardless of the change wanted, just keep moving forward and you will see the results you desire.

January also resets the clock on all of the downtown Haliburton promotions and activities. We also take the time to look back on our 2018 accomplishments at our annual general meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in Dysart et al council chambers. We will celebrate our businesses that won window decorating contests, and the winner of the 2018 BIA VIP award. Mayor Andrea Roberts will also present an address and the board of management will present the 2018 financial statements and 2019 budget. Please know that this AGM is open to the public and we welcome your attendance to learn more about what we do to promote downtown Haliburton as the only shopping destination that you need. See you on Feb. 5!

Frost Fest is just around the corner and we are excited to celebrate our winter activities with you on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides and the famous Polar Bear Dip at 1 p.m. co-ordinated by the Haliburton and District

## New year, new you

Lions Club. Jim Frost is the contact for the Polar Bear Dip and he can be reached at 705-457-4031. Pledge forms for the dip can be picked up at the Foodland or Cranberry Cottage both conveniently located in downtown Haliburton, Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton, and the West Guelph Shopping Centre. Proceeds from the Polar Bear Dip will go to Sick Kids Hospital and our local hospital – both great service providers.

There will be many more great promotions throughout the year – some you have enjoyed year after year and some new ones. We welcome your ideas and thoughts and would love to hear your suggestions so please email them to haliburtonbia@mail.com.

Everyone in downtown Haliburton is committed to the #BuyCloseBy campaign to encourage you to purchase everything you need right here at home in Haliburton. Remember that every dollar you spend locally is actually more than \$5 invested in the community. It is your local retailers that support your sports teams, hospital and charities.

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rything you need right here at home in Haliburton. Remember that every dollar you spend locally is actually more than \$5 invested in the community. It is your local retailers that support your sports teams, hospital and charities.

So as we enter the new year what will you be doing to help make your community of Haliburton a better place to live? Will you be volunteering to help out a local charity? Will you be reducing your household garbage to help save our environment? Will you be taking better care of your health so that you can get out and enjoy all of the great Haliburton activities? Will you commit to #BuyCloseBy to ensure that your Haliburton remains vibrant?

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# points of view

## Disagreeable

**R**ECENTLY, IT OCCURRED to me that when someone says a food does not agree with them, they are not talking about politics. What they are really saying is it gives them gas.

I'm not sure why people don't actually say what they mean, but it might have something to do with the fact that we live in a polite society that does not agree with me.

I only mention this because I have recently determined that raisin bran disagrees with me and not in a particularly quiet way. And this is sad because I happen to like raisin bran a lot.

Even worse, raisin bran now joins 946 other foods that I have frequent disagreements with. For the record, this is the type of inventory every middle-aged man secretly keeps in the back of his mind. Consider it further proof that with age comes wisdom.

Despite this, I'll admit a lack of agreement hasn't stopped me from eating any of these foods. But it does make me plan ahead. For instance, I will probably never eat raisin bran if I anticipate crowded elevator rides, a day of ladder climbing, hot tub parties, swimming in a placid lake or sitting within 20 feet of any hot microphone. I have my dignity.

Also, with great power comes great responsibility.

Ever since I discovered that sprinting away from danger or climbing a tree is no longer a viable option for me, I have

realized the need to reassess my defensive strategies should a "situation" arise.

That's why I have been studying the skunk of late.

I won't get into what I learned but I will say that should I ever be taken hostage in some botched holdup or hijacking, when the hostage takers ask what I want to eat, I will tell them "raisin bran."

This, I figure, will give me the tactical edge and enable me to help rescuers by causing a diversion. Also, if negotiators ask them to free one hostage as a sign of good faith, I'm pretty sure they'll pick me.

That's why I train so hard.

Having said that, I also recognize that part of my responsibility is to protect my loved ones and others who are not so impressed by what I call "the way of the skunk."

That's why when the weather is milder, I go outside on the deck to train. These days though, with temperatures so cold, I do all my training inside.

This is fine but if you value relationships you ought to train alone – or, at bare minimum, in the company of the dog. If nothing else, this establishes pecking order within the pack.

Also, and I have come to recognize this, it's better to find a place away from the main activity areas of the house – especially when company is over.

Lastly fellows, you'll tend to get less grief from your partner if you are not crude or immature about these things. After all, it's just a natural bodily function. Everyone does it.

One way to elevate this is to use Old World terms in order to class it up a bit. You can never go wrong with anything French, for instance. Somehow, that language makes everything seem more elegant. That's why I do all my serious disagreeing in what I call the toot suite.



## Loon Tales

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## pic of the past

**T**HIS week's pic of the past offers an innovative solution for milk delivery when snowed in! This photo, taken circa 1940, is of Katharine Stouffer outside the family home in Minden on the Gull River. Katharine holds a crate with glass bottles in it, with a dog under her other arm. This is how milk was delivered because their road wasn't plowed. Thank you to John Stouffer for bringing in this photo.

## letters to the editor

## A Christmas surprise

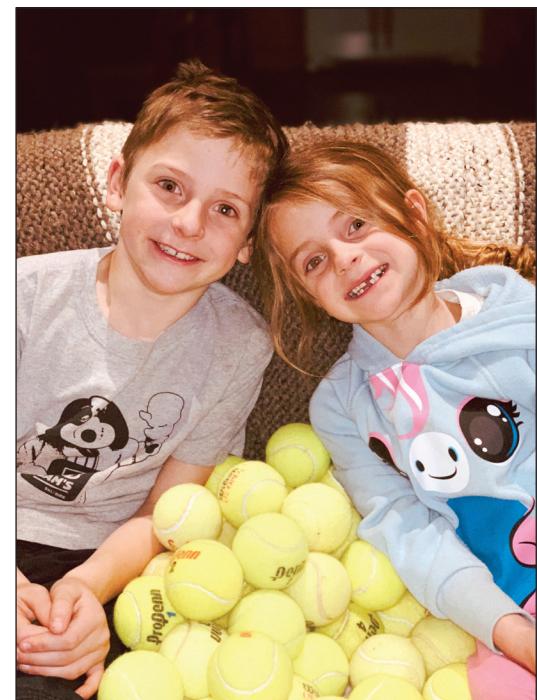
Dear Friend,

Thank you for the bag of tennis balls that you gave to me and my brother. We are going to play with them a lot with our dog Candy. Candy likes to fetch the balls when I throw them. We are going to save a few for the summer when we go to the beach. I also gave a few to the kids who play hockey at recess.

I'm glad you read my Wish List in the Echo newspaper. It was very nice of you to share your tennis balls with me and my family.

Happy New Year.

From Quinn Hamilton



Siblings Brady and Quinn Hamilton sit with tennis balls they received anonymously after Quinn asked for them in her Christmas wish list, published in the Haliburton Echo last month. Quinn asked for the tennis balls for her brother, but has also shared them with others, including their dog, Candy. /Photo submitted

## BOONIEVILLE





Stuart Baker Elementary School's music teacher Drew Hewitt plays his guitar for students during the start of a lesson on Friday, Jan. 11 at the Haliburton school. Hewitt's application for the Music Canada Cares' Three R's Music Program grant worth \$2,500 was successful and will enable the school to purchase at least 20 ukuleles for its music program. /DARREN LUM Staff

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- Young Professional of the year
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# SBES recipient of music grant

DARREN LUM

*Staff Reporter*

Stuart Baker Elementary School music teacher Drew Hewitt is already envisioning a holiday concert number next year with more than two dozen ukulele players, strumming an uplifting tune thanks to a successful application for a \$2,500 national grant.

Awarded by the non-profit organization Music Canada Cares, the grant is part of the Three R's Music Program initiative, which includes rescuing instruments, restoring instruments and reuniting them with students.

The organization is an affiliate of Music Canada (Sony Music Entertainment Canada, Universal Music Canada and Warner Music Canada). According to their website, Music Canada Cares is "focused on highlighting the extraordinary benefits of music to society. We are dedicated to advancing the quality and effectiveness of music education in the public-school system, engaging the public in support of music education, and celebrating the value of music and those who create it."

Hewitt, who informally asked his students what instruments they wanted to play, is thankful to Music Canada Cares for the grant, which will allow the group to purchase the new ukuleles. He said from his various teacher placements he was impressed by the SBES students' enthusiasm for music.

"I've never seen a group of students so passionate about it. I think it's phenomenal. We're so blessed that such a new organization has fulfilled and enhanced our music program the way it has," he said.

Hewitt, who first learned to play the guitar from his grandfather in Grade 6, cannot imagine a life without music, which he said enhances and enriches his life.

"I just found there wasn't a way to express myself like the way music allowed me to especially in school. A lot of it was academics, and that's all important and great, but music fosters community. It brings people together. It's a language that is about feelings and those things aren't at the forefront of curriculum, talking about self regulatory skills," he said. "Bringing people together and expression, creativity. A lot of these kids, their favourite thing to do is play, but seldom do they get an opportunity to play with a purpose and intention and have something tangible at the end [of it] and say, 'Hey, look this is what I created today.'"

The school is planning on buying enough ukuleles for two classes. Hewitt was deliberating on models and quality, which will determine the quantity. He has discussed a group purchase with Abbey Gardens and that may also influence how many can be purchased with the grant.

Hewitt applied for the money in autumn. He said he was first made aware of the grant opportunity from the school's principal Karyn Linton Marra through the school council chairperson Robin Dillane, who found it originally.

Children usually get shy while performing, Hewitt said. However at the past pre-holiday concert the participating students seized the opportunity to express their joy through song.

"We did some carolling and their voices were louder than most teachers. They love it. They're enthusiastic about it. It's just amazing and wonderful to see, so giving

them a chance to do that is a gift for us and for them," he said.

Hewitt said getting the ukuleles will add pitch instruments to the school's collection, which only includes drums and basic instruments.

Starting young is important for the students' learning process. It eases the transition to more advanced playing in middle school and high school.

"Now we can start going to the music staff and [learn about] reading notes, as far as bridging that into intermediate [level of music] where they start on band instruments. It's going to be their first time seeing and playing, and performing pitched instruments in Grade 4. What I'd like to do is bridge that gap for them and hopefully make that a lot easier transition."

Choosing the ukulele was based on its physical size being easier for children to handle and also how it can be used as a foundation for learning guitar, which is popular.

"I figured with Haliburton being a rural area everyone loves a guitar. It's kind of a preliminary step into that instrument," he said.

He has always appreciated what music meant to him growing up and hopes to share that connection with the students at SBES.

Hewitt believes fostering an appreciation for music at a young age is important.

"Music really allows you to connect to yourself and the world around you through a language that is so unique. Among many other things. It's everywhere you go. It's used for community. It's used for bringing two people together. If I travel across the world I may not know how to speak their language, but as soon as I play an instrument they can drum along. It's a way of communication that's ... universal," he said.

Hewitt knows the area well, having

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*Music really allows you to connect to yourself and the world around you through a language that is so unique.*

— Drew Hewitt

grown up in the Highlands. He graduated from HHSS in 2013 and was also a graduate of Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School. While at HHSS he was a member of the male choir and the jazz ensemble. Hewitt is a graduate of music composition from Wilfred Laurier University and has a teacher's degree from Queen's University.

Hewitt returned home to teach to give back.

"I felt like they provided me very strong roots for what I wanted to pursue. I felt like it was fair to give that back to those who gave it to me and I wanted to give others that opportunity as well," he said.

The first-year teacher has long-term goals of improving his professional standing to better serve his students.

He was blown away by the students at his past year's concert in December and is excited for next year with the opportunity to add the ukuleles.

"This year was just voices. Who knows what next year will bring," he said.

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# Helluva Hut contest returns for another year

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Get your submissions in by Jan. 15 for the Helluva Hut ice fishing hut makeover contest to be eligible to win a makeover worth \$5,000, including prizes.

The winner of the contest will have their name drawn from a hat and announced on Facebook live on Friday, Jan. 18. The winning hut will be transformed inside and out by local professionals, which will occur from Jan. 19 and Feb. 15. The prizes include ice fishing equipment, a unique in-hut lunch with a fish expert and more. The winning hut will be showcased on Feb. 16 at the Frost Festival.

Last year's winner Tom McAlister wishes he had another hut to enter.

"The makeover on my hut last year was amazing and exceeded my expectations. The team did a great job of

incorporating some of the requests that I had made while putting their own touches in place. My buddies and I were able to stay warm and fish in comfort for the remainder of the fishing season. I wish I had another hut to enter again this year!" he said in a prepared statement.

This contest is made possible because of local businesses such as ACM Designs, Hodgkinson Enterprises, Boshkung Brewing, Yours Outdoors, Outdoors Plus and the Frost Festival.

ACM Designs owner Andria Cowan Molyneaux said the contest returns for its second year because of interest from the public.

"After last year's hut makeover we had a lot of people asking us if we were going to do the contest again. So we decided to run the contest one more time. It's our way of doing something fun for the community, and also getting to work with other businesses in the county," she wrote in a prepared statement.

Cowan Molyneaux said last year's contest taught her a lot about Highlands residents.

"We worried it might be too wacky and that we

wouldn't get any contest entries. But it taught us that people here are up for playfulness and humour. And, of course, we learned a lot about ice fishing," she said.

There are two ways to enter the contest. Submit images/video on Facebook or submit photos and video using the submission form at [helluvahut.com](http://helluvahut.com), which also includes contest details.

Post photos and video of the interior and the exterior of your hut at [helluvahut.com](http://helluvahut.com). Be sure to tag @andriacmdesigns and make the post "public." Add hashtags #hutentry and #helluvahut.

The deadline for submissions is before midnight on Jan. 15.

See [helluvahut.com](http://helluvahut.com) for more information.



The Helluva Hut ice fishing hut makeover contest is returning for the second year and the Jan. 15 at midnight deadline is fast approaching. This year's makeover is worth \$5,000, including a prize pack from local businesses. Pictured is Tom McAlister's hut, which underwent a transformation on the interior and exterior last year. See [helluvahut.com](http://helluvahut.com) for more details. Submitted by ACM Designs



## Ultramar gives \$2,000 to Food for Kids

Candy Robinson, customer service representative with Ultramar Parkland in Haliburton, hands Aaron Walker of Food for Kids Haliburton County a cheque for \$2,000 on Jan. 11. The donation is from the Ultramar Foundation, which Robinson applied to on behalf of the children's nutrition program. "It's great to have developed these partnerships in the county," said Walker on Friday. Donations sustain the program, which provides nutritious breakfasts to students at all schools in the county including the Leonard Salvatori Alternate Education Centre in Haliburton. Walker noted that for some students, it might be the only food they have access to that day. During winter months, some of the Food for Kids volunteers travel south, which means there are opportunities for volunteers who spend their winters in Haliburton to join the team. If you're interested in helping out, contact Walker at [aaron.walker@snpce.ca](mailto:aaron.walker@snpce.ca).

/JENN WATT Staff

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### Thank you for the music

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School drama class brought ABBA songs to life through a production of *Mamma Mia* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton this week. The performances began Jan. 13 and end with a final show tonight, Jan. 15. The show starts at 7 p.m. and admission is by donation. The cast is as follows: River Christiano as Sophie Sheridan, Skye Miscio as Donna Sheridan, Lexie Tait as Tanya, Chloe Samson as Rosie, Kyle Davis as Sam Carmichael, Sam Olliffe as Harry Bright, Chase Cook as Bill Anderson, Abigail Kauffeldt as Lisa, Madison Stoneham as Ali, Codie Wilkinson as Pepper, Wyatt Hutchings as Eddie, with ensemble Finn Tentrees, Jurgen Shantz, Krystin Hope, Rebecca Archibald, Ruthie Parker, Trista Greer and Macy Miscio./ SUE TIFFIN Staff

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# Hawks tame the Bulldogs, 47–24

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

A slow start didn't hurt the Hawks in their bid to stay among the best of Kawartha.

The junior basketball team returned from the holidays with the expected lethargy of post-holiday hangover (the overeating of rich foods kind) when they hosted the Brock Bulldogs.

At the end of the first quarter, the Hawks held a narrow 7-6 lead.

Like any strong contender, the Hawks found their gear and pulled ahead of the visitors in the second half, scoring 27 points and allowing 16 points (some of which scored when the game was out of reach) to win the game handily, beating the Bulldogs 47-24.

Hawks head coach Paul Longo anticipated the slow start for his team.

"It was predictably kind of ugly at the start, but we had moments of nice stuff going on there. We played good D most of the game. We need to keep working on our rebounding and the third quarter offensively we started to hit our stride and our press worked really well," he said.

Longo pointed out a win against a single A school is always welcomed since it has playoff implications.

He adds the transition from a three-quarter press to a half-court press seemed to work in the Hawks' favour by the second half. Longo points out the entire team from the starters to the second and third unit groups applied the press after each bucket they scored.

"Guys are buying in. They know what they need to do. It didn't matter who was on the floor," he said.

The win gives the Hawks a three game winning streak and places them third in the Kawartha West division as of Friday, Jan. 11. The Hawks are 4-2, two points behind second place I.E. Weldon and four points behind first place Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans, who they will host on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Tip-off is at 3 p.m. With the loss, the Bulldogs have lost six consecutive games and drop to 1-6 in the Kawartha West division. The Bulldogs are a distant fifth place in the Kawartha West division and tied with Campbellford for the 16 spot (as of Friday, Jan. 11) in all of Kawartha.

Longo acknowledged the disparity between the two teams. However he doesn't take anything for granted.

"It was a [12] point game at the half and you know what? Anything can happen. We had to buckle down in the third quarter and make a statement we're a team that should be winning these kinds of games," he said.

The team was scheduled to play I.E. Weldon earlier in the week for their first game after the holidays, but a school bus cancellation for the region postponed the game and will be rescheduled.

Defence continues to be a strength for the Hawks this season.

Through six games the team has only given up 171 points. The only teams to allow less are Kawartha South's top three teams of St. Mary Catholic Secondary School with 128, Cobourg with 152, and Norwood with 162, who have all played five games, one less than the Hawks.

Another quality for this team is its



The Red Hawks junior basketball team returned from the winter holidays with a win, defeating the Brock Bulldogs 47-24 during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday, Jan. 10 in Haliburton. The Hawks have won three straight and will look to keep the streak going against LCVI on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at home. Tip-off is at 3 p.m./DARREN LUM Staff

depth.

Longo appreciated his bench players for what they did offensively and cleaning up the glass.

Hawks player Carson Phillips not only pitched in with four points, but also impressed on the defensive end, Longo said. The coach also liked Tyler Martin, who he called a "beast on the floor."

Small forward Bronson McCord, who is in Grade 9, had a "nice little defensive

play at the end and then he almost made that bucket so it's nice to see our young guys starting to feel confident when they get on the floor."

These contributions don't surprise the long-time basketball coach.

"We're 12 deep ... We've got some guys that are plugging away and learning. On any given day anybody can be on that floor and contribute," he said.

## Haliburton woman wins \$18,000 in prizes

Haliburton's Molly Freeman, 88, took home more than \$18,000 worth of prizes after winning the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters annual raffle: I Am Conservation. Her name was drawn on Nov. 1, making her the winner of the Honda Dream Outdoors Package, which she and her husband Don picked up at Makin' Waves Marina in Bancroft earlier this month.

Her prizes: a 2019 Honda TRX500 ATV, a 2.3 Honda Outboard Motor, a Honda EU2000 generator and \$500 in Honda apparel.

According to information provided by the OFAH, Molly regularly buys tickets

for the raffle.

"Special thanks to Honda Canada and hundreds of dedicated OFAH members and donors who stepped up to support this important fundraiser," said Robert Pye, OFAH manager of business development and corporate messaging. "Congratulations to our winner, Molly Freeman."

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# New chapter for Cody Hodgson

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Surrounded by parents and their young, beaming children wearing Timbits hockey jerseys in the A.J. LaRue Arena's dressing room, former NHLer Cody Hodgson looks at ease signing autographs.

Hodgson met with the young hockey players at the Haliburton rink on Wednesday, Jan. 2 while visiting family for several days away from his home in Nashville, Tennessee.

Minutes before his appearance, he spoke with the *Echo* about this new chapter following several seasons playing in the NHL for the Vancouver Canucks, the Buffalo Sabres and Nashville Predators.

He remains close to the game he learned as a child during winters on Haliburton Lake by teaching children as head alumnus for the Little Preds Learn to Play Program.

"It was bit of an adjustment obviously going to the rink every day. Not being able to do that, you have to find something else to take your attention and try to stay productive. That's why I enjoy this. I think it's a challenge, but I enjoy it. It helps me keep around the game. I still see lots of the guys at the rink and stuff like that. I enjoy it. I'm still looking for more things as well," he said.

Two years ago, Hodgson was forced to retire from professional hockey because of his malignant hyperthermia, a known hereditary complication linked to the genetic mutation known as RYR-1 gene. His story of living with the rare disorder is featured in a new documentary named after him: *Hodgson*.

The condition affects his muscular system and is triggered by prolonged exercise.

Hodgson has partnered with the RYR-1 Foundation and is working to bring attention to the disorder. There is no cure for the disorders caused by the mutation of the RYR-1 gene, but the goal of the foundation is to help find one.

Hodgson said he hasn't done a lot of interviews with the media for three years, but agreed to an interview because of the recently released documentary.

"For the foundation I'm happy to give them some publicity and hopefully they can find a cure for this disorder, but at the same time raise awareness so other people aren't affected negatively. Really educate physicians along with the families because it's kind of a rare disorder. I think the documentary hopefully gets some attention and allow the families that maybe struggled with the same stuff that I went through to get some help," he said.

That first year after he was diagnosed was the most difficult, he said.

He was used to exercising daily and doing whatever he liked.

"You're just told you can't. You can't go for a bike ride. You can't go jogging. You can't ... otherwise it would keep triggering it so that was tough and you never want to be on any medication for a long period of time. So I tried to get off medication as fast as possible. You still have to take it to avoid any symptoms that are more serious. Dealing with that was more difficult the first year. After that it was [me] getting used to it. I just try to watch what I do and make sure [I don't exert too much]," he said.

The threshold in which physical exertion triggers his muscular system changes. Currently, he goes on light jogs or walks.

He said he is among the lucky ones with the disorder.

"To be honest, a lot of guys have problems with knees or they can't move as well. I can pretty much do everything except, you know, high level sport so I look at it as I'm pretty fortunate to do pretty much everything," he said.

For the past two years, Hodgson has been co-ordinating youth hockey development for the Predators and the NHL.

He teaches children who have never played hockey before how to play.

His work takes him to rinks in seven states close to Tennessee where the Nashville Predators are based such as Georgia, Alabama and Indiana. The sessions are an hour and a half at a time over six weeks, one day a week. He'll do three or four of these six-week sessions at each of the centres and rinks. There are some 1,500 children from four to nine years old participating in the learn to play program, which is a partnership between the league, its players' union and the Predators that Hodgson and other NHL alumni help run.

"They both got together and thought the best way to grow the game was to get kids involved and try to make



Retired NHLer Cody Hodgson signs an autograph for Timbits hockey player Ryker Pelow of Minden, 7, on Wednesday, Jan. 2 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Hodgson was up in Haliburton visiting family and came to the rink after he was requested by family friends to visit with young hockey players. Hodgson has been featured in a documentary about him highlighting the genetic disorder RYR-1 that forced him to retire. He is enjoying his new role as an instructor and ambassador for the game of hockey, representing the Nashville Predators, the NHL and the NHL players' union. / DARREN LUM Staff

it streamlined across the NHL. They wanted to have a good standard so they asked the alumni to come and help out," he said, referring to the league and the players' union.

The players' association and the Predators asked Hodgson to be part of this programming.

Although the program is year-round, he works during the NHL season from September to June.

When asked about the challenges of teaching ice hockey in places where football and basketball are the sports of choice, he said there is a benefit to working with young people who don't know the game.

"It's not too, too difficult. It's kind of a clean slate. We're able to start the way we wanted to with the Preds program. A lot of the centres and rinks, they're happy to have us down there," he said. "The biggest thing is the cost. We're trying to subsidize that. Kids get free gear. They just pay for the on-ice lessons, which is way less than soccer. We got to compete with a lot of those sports down there like basketball. We got to try and make it comparable in terms of price," he said.

The main focus, he said, is to make learning fun. That's where former players like him come in.

"Come in and make sure they're getting better. If they can't skate they're not going to enjoy it much. If they can do skills and get around the ice [then] hopefully [they] come back," he said.

The concept of giving back is rooted in the people who made his success possible.

"A lot of people made my journey possible. They spent time at the rink or they spent time answering my questions. Guys like [former NHLers] Walt McKechnie and Ron Stackhouse and Glen Sharpley and Bernie Nicholls. Every chance I got I was asking them questions. They helped me a lot so I thought I'd return ... keep it going," he said.

As the NHL lead alumnus for the Little Preds Hockey Program, Nashville is home for Hodgson now. He's enjoying it there and is thankful to the Predators for his opportunity.

"Things are good. It's a fun city. There's a lot of good people. The organization is top notch. They've treated me so well. Even though they knew I couldn't play they still asked if I wanted to be part of it and be around. I can't thank them enough. They've got amazing character, quality people. Obviously, they're a great hockey team – they've been to the Stanley Cup final a couple years ago and President's Trophy winners. They're just good people, too. It's nice," he said.

There's nothing like the freshwater lakes in the Highlands though, particularly in the summer, he said.

People in Nashville are always surprised when he tells them he can drink the water from the lakes.

"People think you're crazy when you tell them you can drink the lake water," he said, laughing.

Hodgson said he's been up to Haliburton visiting regularly this year.

Most of the summer, he adds, he spent at the family



Retired NHLer Cody Hodgson gives a high-five to a Timbits hockey player.

cottage.

"I try to see a lot of family and friends as much as possible," he said. "I love it up here. It's where I started playing hockey. I have a lot of connection to the area. My family is all from this area. [I can see] grandparents, aunts and uncles and everyone. It's good to be back and see familiar faces."

Among those familiar faces included family friends Ryan Wood and Brad Park, who asked Hodgson to join the Timbits hockey players on the ice and after for a meeting and autographs.

"I enjoy it so I do it for a living now, but I actually enjoy coming out too with them," he said, referring to the local children.

The disorder ended his NHL career prematurely, but didn't stop him from helping others or assisting the RYR-1 Foundation with their goal to raise awareness and to find a cure.

Hodgson might be retired from the NHL, but he is far from finished with giving back to the community and the game he loves.

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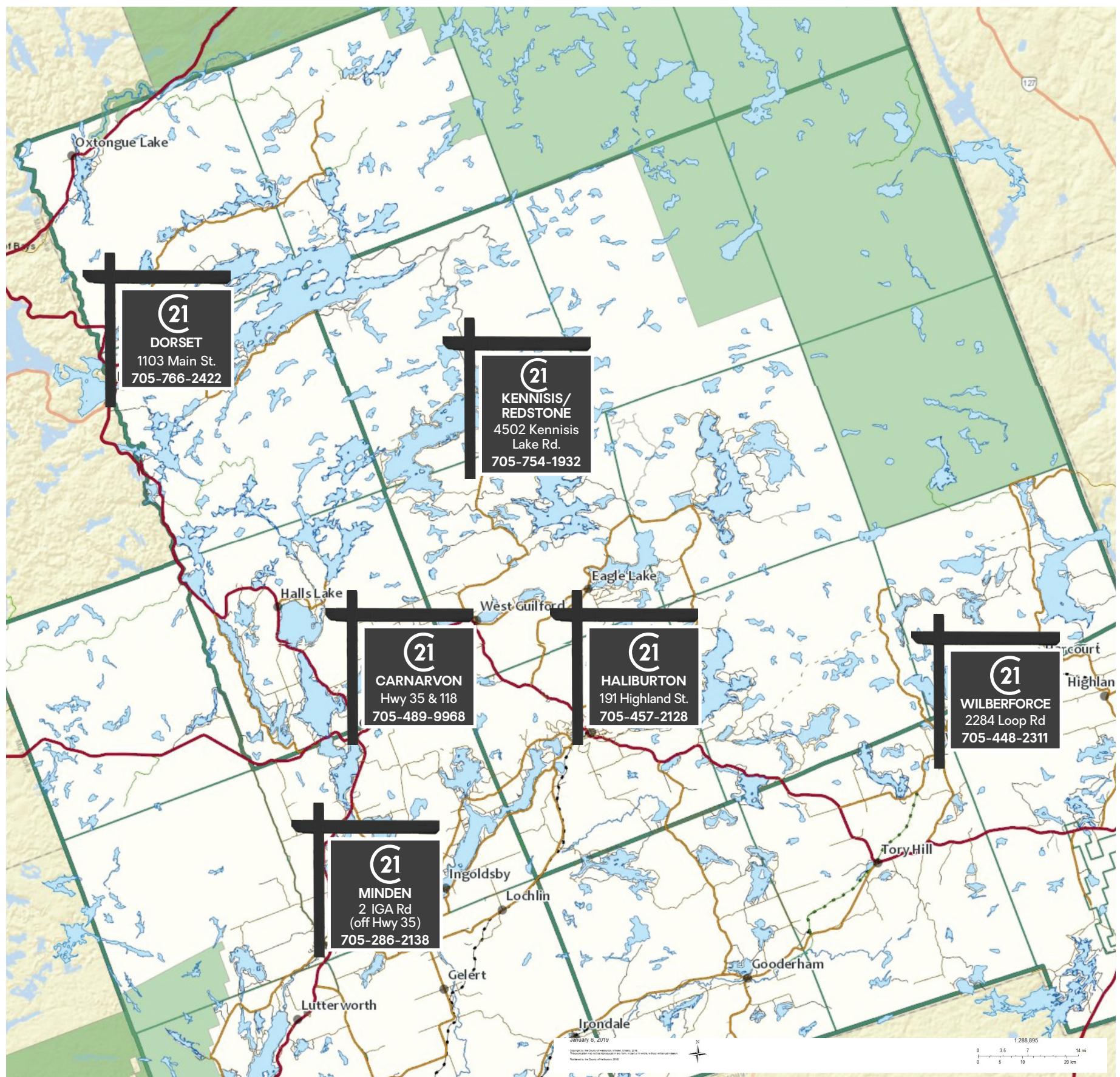
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# minor hockey

## Midget Jets

The Bancroft IDA/Park View Dental Midget Girls Jets won both of their home games this past weekend.

On Saturday, the Jets hosted the Cold Creek Comets and took the win with a final score of 1-0. Gabby Burnett made a pass to Jules Croskery at the offensive blue line and Croskery skated in and ripped a shot, bar down, into the opponents net.

On Sunday, the team faced the Lindsay Lynx and again won 1-0 over their rivals. Haley Goulet scored the only goal of the game. She took a pass from defensive team mate, Ryan Rupnow, and took the puck into the corner, around the net, and stepped out to score a wrap around goal on her back hand.

The team hits the road for two away games this weekend to rap up their regular season against West Northumberland and the Peterborough Ice Kats. Good luck, girls!

*By Linda Goulet*

## Peewee LL

Walker Home Hardware Storm Peewee LL team #1 had a home game in Minden on Saturday against Huntsville. Huntsville came out strong scoring two in the first period. Huntsville scored again at six-minute mark in the second period. Haliburton's Storm wasn't about to give up with one minute left in the second period Nathan Harrison scored putting Storm on the board assisted by Daniel Stephens. In the final period Huntsville scored again but Storm retaliated with an unassisted goal by Stephens and another by Alex Hendry assisted by Harrison. Huntsville got one more before the third was over making final score 5-3 for Huntsville. Storms Peewee LL #1 plays LL Peewee #2 team Saturday, Jan. 19 at 4 p.m. in Haliburton.

*By Marita Bagshaw*

## Midget LL

The LL Pharmasave Storm Midgets played the Parry Sound Shamrocks last weekend.

Play was very balanced in the scoreless first period although Storm goalie Nate Miscio made a nice pad save early in the game. The Storm opened the scoring in the second period on a beautiful passing play with brothers Paul and Tim Turner and Brenden Newhook finishing it off with a goal. The Shamrocks tied the game a few minutes later but Cole Prentice's high snapshot power play goal would put the Storm in front for good. Newhook setup Paul Turner who scored on the breakaway giving the Storm a two-goal cushion. Miscio made arguably his best save of the season just moments before Parry Sound closed the gap to one. Paul Turner got his second of the night burying his own rebound and than fed Newhook for a lovely tip-in giving the Storm a solid 5-2 victory.

*By Gord Hoenow*

## Atom 2 LL

With an anticipated wait after the Christmas break the LL Atom 2 TD Canada Trust where hosted in Bracebridge by Parry Sound Marshall Black Carpentry.

With the battle to start Parry Sound were able to find the back of our net to start off the scoring. But with the battling of Carson Jones along the boards, he was able to chip the puck out to Ethan Rowe with a nice pass right in front of the net for Logan Reid's one-timer to the back of the net.

With the TD's never giving up, Kamauhl Cassey Russell found his stride and took the puck from deep in our

end and was able to pass the puck right in front of the net for Logan Reid to chip in his second goal.

During the third period, with a battle at the red line, Logan Reid was able to break away from the pack and find the back of the net for his third hat-trick of the season.

But Parry Sound were able to come back and make a final score of 8-3. Next game is against Almaguin Ice Devils hosted in Haliburton.

*By Chris McMurtin*

## Atom 1 LL

After a long holiday break the GJ Burtch LL Atom 1 team were back on the ice. On Saturday they travelled to the Bracebridge arena to face Parry Sound's McNabb Homebuilding LL Atoms. The Storm would test their endurance as they took to the ice with only eight skaters. Eric Mueller put the Storm on the board midway through the first when he broke away from the Parry Sound defence. Mueller accelerated, crossing the blue line pulling away from the defenders then with a quick fake was able to beat the goalie and buried the puck top corner. The second period saw numerous chances for the Storm but the puck was not bouncing their way on the Bracebridge ice.

The Storm continued their hard work into the third. An excellent example of clean passing in the offensive zone led to Oliva Gruppe's first goal of the season, assisted by Isaac Borgdorff and Layne Robinson. Although the Storm were down five goals and facing a short bench, they continued to dig deep and battle hard. Jacob Mantle dangled his way up the ice and put one in the net, unassisted. Despite their efforts, the Storm would drop this one 9-3. Next weekend the Storm travel to Gravenhurst to face South Muskoka.

*By Jamie Lloyd*

## Peewee A

JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A travelled to Parry Sound to play in the MPS tournament. The Peewee A first game was versus the Huntsville Otters. Unfortunately the Storm lost 7-4. The goals were scored by Aiden Perrott, Cooper Coles, Austin Boylan and Cheyenne Degeer.

The second game was versus the Bracebridge Bears and they lost 4-0. The Peewees will be starting their first playoff series next weekend where they take on the Durham Crusaders.

*By Amber Card*

## Midgets

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets lost their first game of the playoffs, 5-4 against the Shelburne Wolves, Saturday, Jan. 12. It was a tough game for the Storm team, the slow start resulted in being down by two early in the game. They got on the scoreboard later in first period, with two goals in less than a minute. MacNaull fed Smith and he manoeuvred in, made a quick top corner shot for the first goal. Seconds later, the Wolves' goalie left an open net for Smith to tie the game. Early in the second period, the Wolves got a break and scored a short-handed goal, making it a 3-2 game. Gilbert answered back, with enormous effort, picked up his own rebound to find the opening, tying it up, 3-3. The Wolves got lucky on a breakaway and took the lead, 4-3. Late in the second period, the Wolves widen the gap to 5-3. The Storm team stepped up in the

third period. Gilbert got another goal, with help from MacNaull and Smith. The Midgets made a great attempt to tie the game however, returned home with a 5-4 loss.

*By Suzanne Haedicke*

## Novice

The Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice Reps travelled to Sundridge this weekend to play in the Muskoka Parry Sound Novice Playoff Tournament. The team started strong winning their first game 5-1 against Muskoka Rock. The team could not find their stride in games 2 and 3 and took two losses, 3-1 and 5-2, against the Huntsville Otters and South Muskoka Bears. Better luck to the Novices next weekend in their double header playoff games against the Wasaga Beach Stars.

*By Sarah Gruppe*

## Tyke

Tom Prentice and Sons and Walkers Heating and Cooling's Storm Tyke team travelled to Baysville on Sunday to take on the Huntsville Otters. Matthew Mueller started Storm's goal scoring in the first period followed by Nixon Ecclestone firing one into Huntsville's net. Kelson Bagshaw scored the third goal and Ecclestone scored another beauty! Huntsville retaliated with two goals. Rowan Johnson scored the last goal of the first period. Huntsville came on strong scoring seven goals in the second and final period. The Storm, however, didn't let up and Cooper Gilbert score a well set up goal. Ecclestone dangled his way to three more goals and Johnson scored the final goal for Storm. The Tyke Storm team will be practising hard the next couple of weeks gearing up for their second Jamboree in Peterborough the first weekend in February.

*By Marita Bagshaw*

## Atoms

Saturday, Jan. 5, the Ridgewood Ford/Cottage Country Building Supplies Atoms started off the New Year in full stride hosting the annual MPS tourney in Haliburton. This year's tournament hosted the Huntsville Otters and the South Muskoka Bears. Saturday the Storm faced the Bears. With the onslaught of pucks coming at our net, Chase Winder held off multiple grade A chances looking big in-between the pipes. The Bears found opportunities to keep the puck south of our blue line and proved too much to handle netting a few goals. Halfway through the third Josh Scheffee found a loose puck in front and knocked it in to get the Storm on the board and also nearly cutting the lead with a backhander off the crossbar.

The second game versus the Otters was the team's second meeting of the season. The Otters opened up scoring with a quick wrister over the glove of Chase but that lead was soon tied up with a Caleb Manning goal to the same effect, assisted by McLean Rowden. To start off the second period, Evan Jones walked in on the right side and sent a seemingly innocent shot on net that found its way over the Otters' pads putting the Storm up by two. Jace Mills was able to score the third goal assisted by McLean Rowden. The Storm win of 3-2 put them in the finals where they ultimately fell to the Bears despite a solid effort for their third game of the day. One single tally from Josh Scheffee assisted by Austin Latanville and Caleb Manning broke the Bears' shutout and lead to a 6-1 final score.

*By Pasi Posti*

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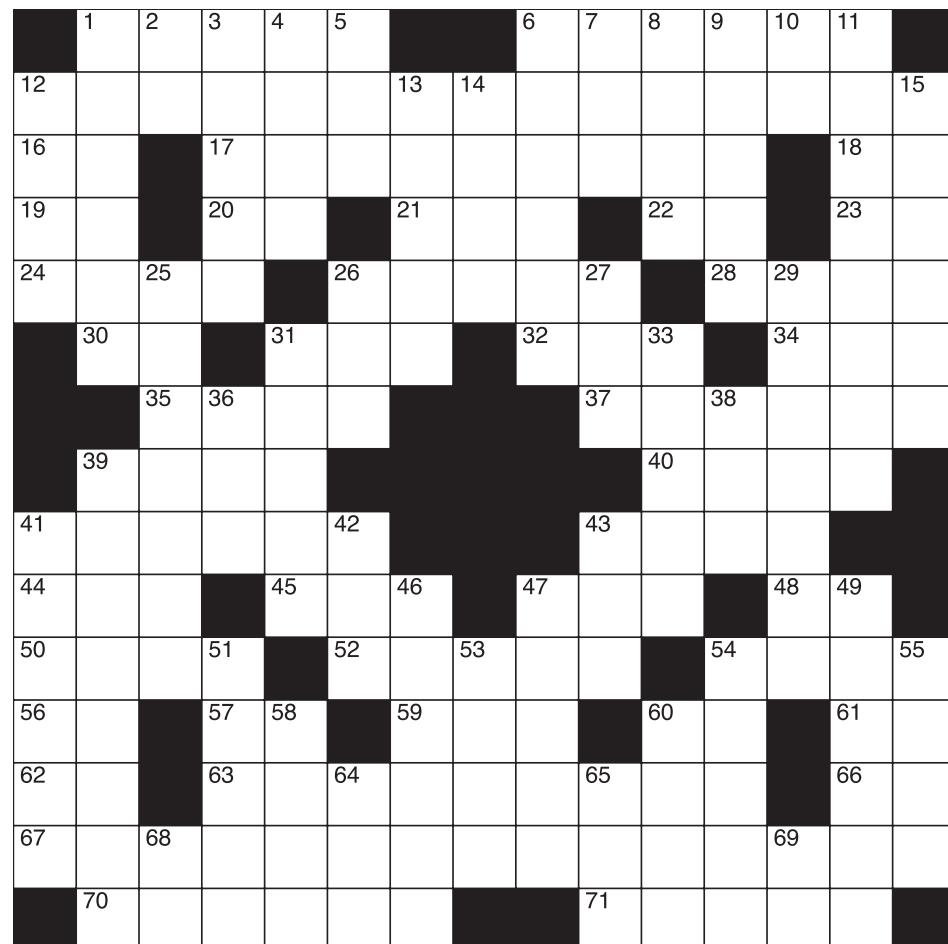
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- Of I
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- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
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- Platforms
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- Computers
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- An enemy to Batman
- Mineral
- Body part
- Give
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- Capital of Norway
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- Atomic #50
- Military policeman
- One quintillion bytes
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- Live in
- Cares for

#### CLUES DOWN

- Form a whole
- Indicates position
- Moves in water
- Diminutive
- Old English letter
- "Save the Last Dance" actress
- Dab
- Digits
- Female cattle's mammary gland
- Yes
- Improves
- We all have one
- Book of Esther antagonist
- Invests in little enterprises
- Organs that produce gametes
- Mediterranean city
- Peter's last name
- Unhappy
- Swollen area within tissue
- "No \_\_!"
- Soap
- Chop or cut
- "Atonement" author McEwan
- Bullfighter
- Of the universe
- Founder of Babism
- Not good
- Large, flightless bird
- Punitive
- Makes less messy
- Belts out a tune
- Aboriginal people of Japan
- An eye protein
- Broad sashes
- Actress Spelling
- Distribute
- Unpleased
- Body art
- Midway between north and east
- Overdose

Answers on page 20

## Wildlife in your backyard



Belinda Gallagher titled this photo, "Are you talkin' to me?"



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

#### PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: Monday, February 4, 2019
- TIME: 3:30 pm
- LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office  
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

#### Applications:

- Lands of William Meharg
- Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment will rezone the lands from Rural Type 1 (RU1) to Rural Type 2 (RU2) and Environmental Protection (EP).
- Location: 1436 West Settlement Road, Part Lots 2 and 3, Concession 3, in the Geographic Township of Harburn.
- These lands are also the subject of an application for consent known as file H-011/18 which was given provisional consent by the Haliburton County Land Division Committee (LDC) on August 13, 2018.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm), Monday to Friday.

**PRESERVING YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL:** For information about preserving your appeal rights, please contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

**Dated** at the Township of Dysart, this 11th day of January, 2019.

Sue Harrison, AICP, B.E.S., MSc.

Senior Planner  
Municipality of Dysart et al  
135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0  
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From left, Beth O'Connor of RBC, Angelica Ingram of SIRCH and Gena Robertson, SIRCH executive director, met on Jan. 7 to celebrate the donation and success of the campaign.

## Gifts from the Heart campaign surpasses goal with \$1,000 donation

SUE TIFFIN

*Staff Reporter*

Beth O'Connor said she was so inspired by an end-of-year article in the paper detailing the commitment and conviction of volunteers to the SIRCH organization's Community Kitchen program, that she wanted to help.

"That article was so good, about the [more than] 4,000 lunches that were served, the 1,000 volunteer [hours], the 1,000 containers of applesauce, I just thought, 'oh my gosh,'" said O'Connor, vice president, investment and wealth advisor for RBC Dominion Securities.

"How incredible this little community is in terms of generosity."

RBC Dominion Securities donated \$500 to the local organization, which O'Connor matched herself, for a \$1,000 donation.

SIRCH's Gifts from the Heart campaign, which raises money for much-needed food initiatives in the county, kicked off at the beginning of October and raised almost \$31,000 by the end of 2018.

"We got the call at the end of December [from O'Connor] that this had been done, and we were very thankful because our goal was \$30,000 to raise for Gifts from the Heart, and this just pushed us over, so it was a very nice Happy New Year present," said Angelica Ingram, SIRCH communication specialist.

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## Haliburton teams celebrate success

The Haliburton Curling Club's youth curlers returned home from the Lindsay U-15 Bonspiel with a first, third and fifth. Held on Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Lindsay Curling Club, the Haliburton youth curling Team Aldom of Levi Aldom, skip, Cara Chumbley, lead, Abi Lewis, vice, and Hendrik Haase, second, won the one draw - two eight-end game event. Fellow Haliburton curlers on Team Boore of Nathiel Boore, skip, Hannah Lewis, vice, Jocelyn Chumbley, second, and Cole Boisvert, lead, finished in third place. Fifth place was earned by Team Nicholls team of Owen Nicholls, skip, Izzy Hill, vice, Hannah Sharp, second, and Samuel McMahon/Rachel Aldom, lead. Appearing in this group photo are from left, Aldom, Boore, Boisvert, Lewis, Chumbley, Nicholls, R. Aldom, McMahon, C. Chumbley, Lewis, Haase, Hill and Sharp.



## UPCOMING Community Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at [classifieds@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:classifieds@haliburtonpress.com)

### The Canadian Federation Of University Women (CFUW) Haliburton Highlands

All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us.

When: Thursday, Jan. 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Public Library and the Ethel Curry Gallery

Who: Wayne Hooks

Topic: Ethel Curry – The Artist and the Gallery

Cost: Free

### James Mitchell, Speaker & Author – "A little Piece of Paradise: The history of Canning Lake"

Presented by Haliburton Writers and Editors' Network

When: Thursday, Jan. 17

Where: Minden library, Rotary Room, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Call K. 705-28-6635 or [kathleenmillard6@sympatico.ca](mailto:kathleenmillard6@sympatico.ca) to register.

For more information: [www.haliburtonwriters.ca](http://www.haliburtonwriters.ca)

### Haliburton County Fair Annual General Meeting (Luncheon)

When: January 19, 2019, 12 to 2 p.m.

Where: Minden United Church Lower Level  
Nominations and Election of new Board of Directors for 2019/2020 following lunch.

Everyone welcome.

For more information please contact Eric Casper at 705-455-7997

### Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

### Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday Jan. 24, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Museum

Topic "History of the Times": 2019 is the 40th Anniversary of The Times

Speaker: Jack Brezina

### Land Trust Discovery Days - Discover Barnum in Winter

When: Monday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Barnum Creek Nature Reserve (carpooling from Haliburton)

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The Lindsay U-15 Bonspiel's sponsor John F. O'Reilly of John F. O'Reilly Real Estate Brokerage presented the competition's trophy to top finisher Team Aldom's skip Levi Aldom with lead, Cara Chumbley, vice, Abi Lewis and second, Hendrik Haase on Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Lindsay Curling Club. This is the second year a team from the Haliburton Curling Club won this co-ed event. Last year Jacob Dobson's rink, which included Micah Aldom, vice, Logan Mallette, second, and Jonah Aldom, lead finished first. Haliburton will host its own bonspiel on Jan. 26. Submitted by Brianna Elder.

## Throwing rocks in the dark

There was lots of action at the Wilberforce Curling Club on Saturday, Jan. 12 when teams gathered for the annual January mixed bonspiel. And they were playing in the dark. Well, not really lights completely out. Since the Glow in the Dark 'Spiel last fall was so much fun, the club decided to have the special effects for this one also.

All teams played two plays, one in the morning and one after a tasty lunch was enjoyed.

Winning the tournament was the team of Kelly O'Reilly, Phil O'Reilly, Gerry Thomas and Gloria Thomas. They had won both of their games scoring 34.5 points.

Hot on their heels was the team of Travis Bartley, Joanne Coumbs, Jen Crane and Jason Crane with 31.5



### County of Haliburton Notices

#### 2019 Tariff of Fees

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that Haliburton County Council will be reviewing and considering amendments to the Tariff of Fees at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

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points. In third place was the team of Gord Fetch, Joy Laocque, Tracy Bedding and Ron Milnes with 17.25 points.

As the bonspiel wound down on this one day event participants appeared to all have had a good day of this popular winter sport.

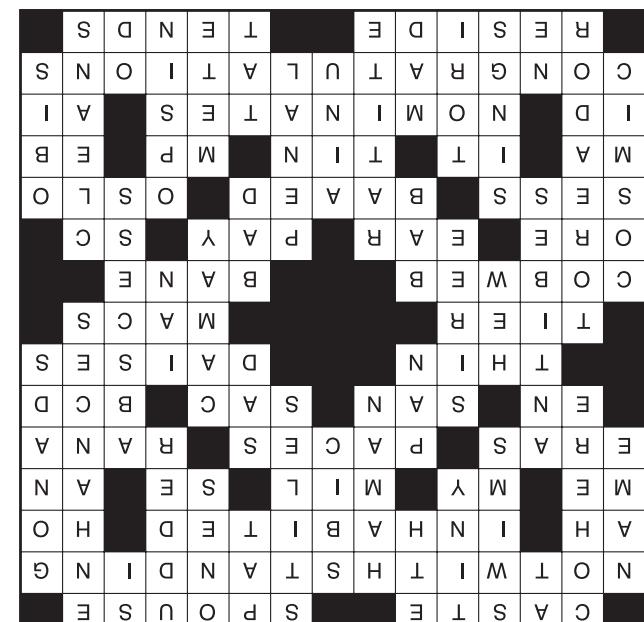
Thankfully there has been enough snow for some snowmobile action. We have noted some snowmobilers at the local restaurant and getting fuel at the service station. The cold weather has certainly helped preserve the trails.

The annual general meeting of the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Board was held at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Saturday, Jan. 12. We understand it was a good meeting at which the successful 2018 fair was reviewed. The members look forward to another good one this year.

The AGM of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held next Monday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House. All interested citizens are welcome to attend as the actions of the WHG in 2018 will be reviewed and plans for this year made. Tea will be on.

- Wilberforce News, Hilda Clark

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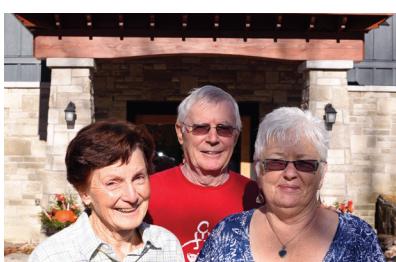
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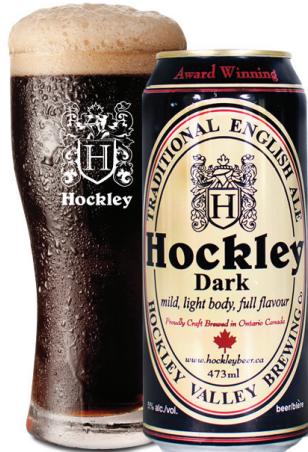
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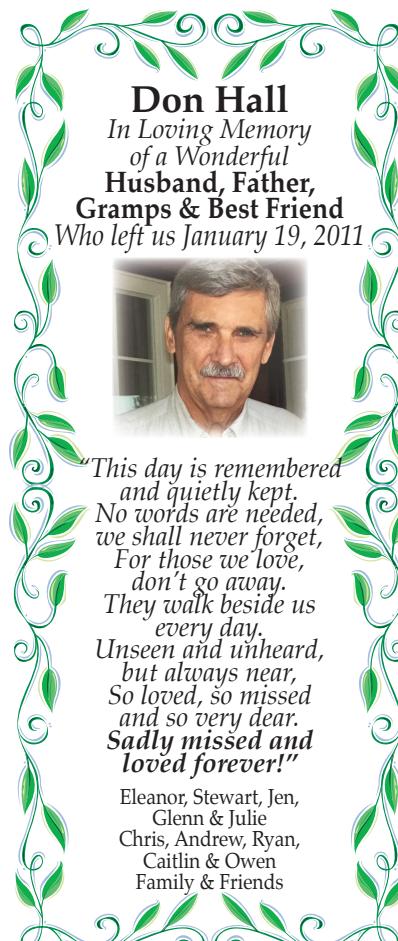
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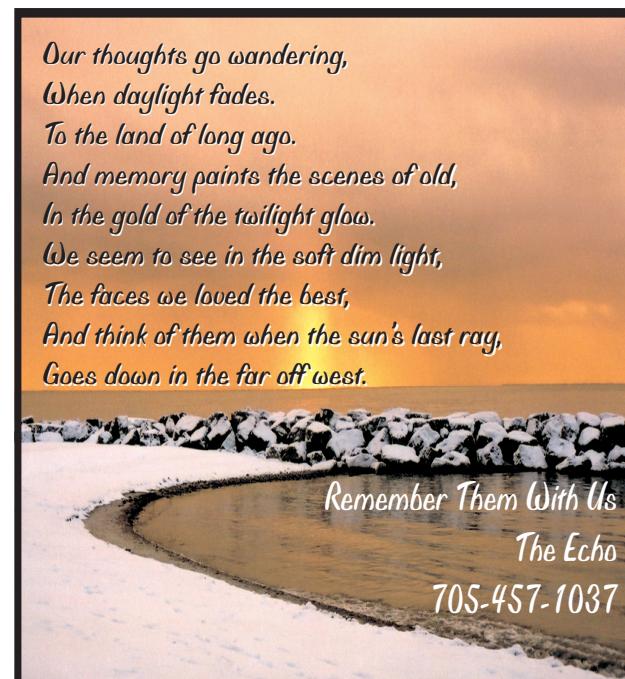


"This day is remembered and quietly kept. No words are needed, we shall never forget, For those we love, don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen and unheard, but always near, So loved, so missed and so very dear. Sadly missed and loved forever!"

Eleanor, Stewart, Jen, Glenn & Julie Chris, Andrew, Ryan, Caitlin & Owen Family & Friends



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Our thoughts go wandering,  
When daylight fades.  
To the land of long ago.  
And memory paints the scenes of old,  
In the gold of the twilight glow.  
We seem to see in the soft dim light,  
The faces we loved the best,  
And think of them when the sun's last ray,  
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*In Loving Memory of*

**Darryl Michael Crowe**

Passed away surrounded by family at Haliburton Hospital after a courageous battle with Cancer on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Beloved husband, soul mate and best friend to Gail. Proud Dad of Sterling (Jazzer), Alyssa (Navid), and Grandpa to Arianna and his grandpuppies Dexter and Petrie. Son of Don and Opal Crowe (predeceased), brother to Steve (Sharon), Terry (Heather), Rob (Sue), and Craig (Stephanie). Son in law to Murray Ackley (June, predeceased), brother in law to Ron (Marlene), Carleen (Jeff), Cindy (Randy), and Corey. Special big brother to Tracey Pratt (Duane). Much loved uncle to many nieces and nephews

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Darryl's Life at 2:00pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Palliative Care Centre (HHHSF-PCC) would be appreciated by the family.



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**Gordon 'Gord' Arthur**  
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Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday morning, January 10, 2019 in his 96th year. Beloved husband of Joan Arthur (nee Winnacott). Loving father of Susan (Kevin), Janice (John) and David (Jeanette). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Shannon Burk, Brandy, Jason, Kevin and Shannon O'Connor and by his great grandchildren Mithais, Zackery, Chase, and Chelsey. Predeceased by his daughter Debra, his son Michael (Judi) his brothers Russell (Lorene), Allan (Shirley), Jack (Helen) and by his sister Joyce. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews.

**Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception**

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, January 15, 2019 for Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

Legion Members are asked to assemble at the Funeral Home at 1:45 p.m.

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**Oshawa rink wins Skyline**

Local curling enthusiasts faced some stiff competition over the weekend as John Piper's rink from Oshawa came up with key shots to win the 'A' title of the annual Skyline Bonspiel.

It was the 25th year the event has been staged, and a total of 32 rinks were on hand to vie for trophies and prizes in four divisions.

Action got underway late Friday afternoon and continued throughout the weekend, with the final games wrapping up on Sunday afternoon.

In the semi finals of the 'A' division, Steve Collier's rink defeated T. Munro's foursome, and John Piper's rink outscored D. Clee's rink to set the stage for the final. In that matchup, Piper's rink, who have been frequent winners in past Skyline spiels, proved to be in good form, outscoring Steve Collier's rink for the division title.

In the 'B' division Paul Madden's Haliburton rink took the honours with a win over Ray Scott's rink.

Scott, who is the only person to have competed in all 25 Skyline spiels, was honoured for the achievement during award ceremonies following the final games. Bonspiel organizer John Wilson presented 'Scottie' with a clay sculpture of a curler to mark his quarter century of Skyline participation.

In the 'C' event, Bob Timbers' Uxbridge rink outscored John Wilson's Haliburton rink for the title.

In 'D' division play, Tim Brethour's Uxbridge rink defeated M. Vizely's rink for the honours.



**Atoms end season**

**Team prepares for playoff round**

Haliburton's OMHA Atoms wound up their regular season with a flourish last week, skating to a 5-0 victory over Minden on Thursday night, then digging in for a 3-2 win on Sunday in Port Carling.

The local boys put in a strong performance in their match against Minden, as goaltender Hans Fluegel held the opposition scoreless while ace forward Jason Billings earned a hat trick.

In the first period, Billings scored two goals, with assists going to Wade Wood, Russell Morrison, Jeff Black and Chris Greenfield.

There was no scoring in the second period, but in the third frame, Greg Stamp made it 3-0 for Haliburton with help from Billings and Black. Billings then completed the hat trick with help from Wood and Reid Elstone.

And to round out the victory, Derek Wilson got goal number five for the local boys, assisted by Jason Casey and Greg Brohman.

On Sunday the team dug in to earn a victory over Port Carling. Jason Billings was the big scorer of the day, accounting for all three Haliburton goals. He was helped on the first by Chris Greenfield, on the second by Russell Morrison and Greenfield, and on the third and winning goal by Jeff Black and Reid Elstone.

Final score was 3-2 for Haliburton.

The team played a total of 16 regular season and five tournament games during the season, winning the Bobcaygeon tournament and earning a total of 11 wins, six losses and four ties.

The team's goal scoring statistics are impressive. They netted a total of 90 goals while allowing on 61, giving net minder Hans Fluegel a 2.9 average.

Future matches will be decided in Ontario play-downs, but in the meantime the team will keep their skills sharp with an exhibition game this Friday at 7 p.m. against Beaverton.

**Bonspiel winners**

**'D' event winners, upper left:**

Winners of the 'D' event was the Uxbridge rink of Tim Brethour. Pictured are, front row l., Tony Peck, Garry Smith. Back row l., Tim Brethour, Bob Forsythe.

**'A' event winners, lower left:**

John Piper's Oshawa rink took home top prize at the 25th annual Skyline Bonspiel on the weekend. Pictured are, front row l., Mike MacKay, John Piper. Back row l., Bob Chapman, Ron Elliott.

**'B' event winners, above:**

The 'B' event was won by Paul Madden's Haliburton rink. Pictured are, front row l., Micheal Sawyer, Bob Nichol. Back row l., Dale Robinson, Paul Madden.



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